So you want to be an officer?

Midshipmen sat upon grey chipped benches watching a thin man, dressed in faded greens, lecturing on various phases of helicopter and amphibious assault.

Before them, a derelict green and yellow helicopter without propellers rested on a support in the sand. To the helicopter's left two amphibious landing craft were silhouetted against the ocean.

Sometimes the instructor would point to these craft, and while he spoke men in combat gear demonstrated methods of entering and evacuating the vehicles.

When the lesson was over, the midshipmen gathered in three groups and put their new-gained knowledge to use.

A helo team ran across the sand, and one midshipman hit his helmeted head as he entered the helo. Another group entered the darkened interior of a landing craft and suddenly emerged, screaming savagely and diving into the sand. One did a belly flop when he landed.

Still another group emerged from atop a landing craft shouting "shark" as they plumetted, some headfirst, into the sand.

For a passerby the scene might have resembled a Keystone Cop comedy, but for 384 midshipmen who recently completed three weeks training at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Calif., the course was anything but fun.

Throughout their stay the men, from 25 colleges throughout the United States, rose early in the morning to do runs and calisthenics.

For one of those three weeks they ran through an obstacle course designed for Basic Underwater Demolition/Seal trainees: a course where the least demanding rigors include crawling on one's back under barbed wire, climbing a three-level tower, and scaling a cargo net which seems a mile high.

For a trainee with practice, an excellent time on the course is 7-9 minutes, but for the midshipmen, a good time was 20 minutes.

An amphibious assault climaxed the final week of training.

During the exercise, midshipmen landed by tractors and helicopters, firing blanks at an imaginary enemy (portrayed by Marines) hidden in dunes.

For some of the midshipmen the attack might have been a blessed relief when compared to the previous two weeks--if one one could only disregard the gruff voice of a cigar-butt-chewing Marine who continually yelled, "Move it! Move it! dammit!"

One consolation for the midshipment was that the course brought them one step nearer their gold bars which they were earning.

Indian Social work begins at PSU

The School of Social Work at Portland State University has received $199,614 from the National Institute for Mental Health to establish the Northwest's first Indian Social Work Education Program.

To begin in September and to focus on problems facing urban as well as reservation Indians and Native Alaskans, the program is being planned and developed by Indians.

John Spence, a 31-year-old Northwest Indian who is co-chairman of Portland's United Indian Council and has conducted the alcoholism counseling and recovery program for the Portland Metropolitan Steering Committee for the past three years, has been named program director. Working with Spence on the program's development will be an advisory committee comprised primarily of Indians.

Emma Gross, a former Peace Corps volunteer and most recently with the Washington County Community Action Organization, will assist Spence as educational coordinator.

American Indians and Native Alaskans from a four-state regional area are being recruited to begin graduate work toward a Masters of Social Work degree or an undergraduate Certificate in Social Service.

Need for the new program was explained by Gordon Hearn, dean of the School of Social Work, who said there is an extreme shortage of trained Indian social workers to deal with the enormous social and health problems facing Indians in a predominately white society.

Both Hearn and Mrs. Betty Leonard, an assistant professor who will act as the program's associate director the first year, believe social work and social work education can provide an impetus for social change for Indians and that Indian social workers are in the best position to help their own people.

Students in the program this year will have an Indian-based field experience in Portland's United Indian Council. Future field units for the proposed five-year program are planned at Chemawa Indian Boarding School and the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

In addition to the undergraduate and graduate aspects, the program includes training of social work aides to begin on a cooperative basis with community colleges a year from now. Concurrently, continuing education offerings on a statewide basis will be developed.

Student applications are now being received. Contact the PSU School of Social Work, P. O. Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Traffic deaths increase

City Commissioner Lloyd Anderson warned the City Council at its informal conference that a new high for Portland traffic fatalities may be reached in 1972, Anderson cited the fifty-one fatalities of this year as the basis for this warning.

Anderson said, "A projection of this rate, based on the experience of previous years, predicts a fatality total of ninety to one hundred. This would exceed Portland's previous high of eighty-nine in 1934."

Anderson cited statistics showing that twenty-eight fatalities had been motor vehicles, twenty pedestrians and three bicycles. He expressed particular concern that 86 per cent of pedestrian fatalities were elderly persons and that pedestrian deaths have increased 186 per cent compared with last year. He said alcohol was a factor in seventeen casualties and law violations in forty.

Anderson proposed the City take steps to implement long term traffic safety proposals. He also proposed a meeting with representatives of the police, courts, Traffic Engineering and Traffic Safety Commission to discuss possible short term measures to keep fatalities down.

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had nailed strips of wood along the bottom in hopes of giving it greater stability.

Because of this alteration, which changed the ladder's distribution of weight, a court ruled that the man could not hold the manufacturer liable for his injury.

On the other hand, not every alteration will increase the chance of an accident. In another case, a hunter widened a cartridge slot on his rifle. Later, during an outing, he was hurt when the gun exploded in his hands.

Here too, when the man brought suit, the gun manufacturer relied on "tampering" as a defense. But a firearms expert testified that the explosion was due not to the widening of the slot but to an original defect in the steel.

Accordingly, the court held the manufacturer liable. The judge said that in these circumstances, the hunter's alteration simply made no difference in the eyes of the law.

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Coffee served on freeway

Anna Peterson, chairman of the Multnomah Young Republican Club, announced today that, for the third successive Labor Day weekend, Young Republicans will be at the Baldock rest area on Interstate Five serving free coffee, soft drinks, cookies and saving lives. This safety project will be underway from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. all three days of the holiday weekend.

During the past three years, Young Republicans have made this service available at an average of three times per year. In 1971 it is estimated that 7000 persons stopped at YR Safety Project rest stops in the Baldock Rest Areas just south of Wilsonville. Club members feel there is no question that this project saves lives. Because of this, YR's have never charged for the service though contributions are accepted.

Prenatal classes scheduled

"Expectant parents" are invited to attend a series of free prenatal care classes to be offered at Emanuel Hospital beginning September 11 at 7 p.m.

Others in the series of hour-long classes will be held on successive Monday evenings: September 18 and 25 and October 2. The four-week course is open to all pregnant women and their husbands, regardless of where they plan to have the baby delivered. Classes meet in the Nursing Arts Laboratory of the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing, 2828 North Gantenbein.

Emphasis is on nutrition, emotional and physical development, labor and delivery, baby care, growth and development. The course also includes a film and tour of the Emanuel maternity department, including "rooming-in" facilities offered at the hospital, and discussion of what to anticipate for fathers who wish to be with their wives in the delivery room, as is permitted at Emanuel.

Registration for the course may be completed at the first class session, according to Mrs. Vera Goodwin, R. N., Emanuel staff nurse who instructs the course. She is experienced in both obstetrical and pediatric nursing and earned her master's degree in nursing with a major in maternal and child health at the University of Washington.

Classes are held at Emanuel quarterly; the next session is scheduled January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1973.

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